

## FAQ

### **Can the Independent Living Program help me get my driver's license?**

Yes, the IL program will assist in obtaining your drivers license before you exit the program.

### **How will the Independent Living Program help me after I exit foster care?**

Transitional housing is available to young adults who have transitioned into independency. In addition, on-going services are available such as counseling and financial support, life skills instruction, educational support and employment and community linkages.

### **Will the Independent Living Program help me with financial aid for college or trade school?**

Yes, the IL program offers Educational and Training Vouchers (ETV). The number of scholarships awarded is based on availability of funds. Other scholarships are available through community and civic organizations.

## ***Our Purpose***

Empowering youth by providing supportive services and training opportunities in order to ensure youth in care are adequately prepared for self-sufficiency with continuing after care services to promote future success.

**THINK OF  
THE CHILD  
FIRST.**

DELAWARE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



Division of Family Services

Delaware Children's Department

1825 Faulkland Road  
Wilmington, DE 19805

## **Independent Living Program**



**FOR YOUTH AGING  
OUT OF  
FOSTER CARE**

**Contact Information  
(302) 633-2538**



## ***What is the Independent Living Program?***

The Independent Living Program (ILP) of Delaware is designed to assist and empower youth by providing supportive services and training opportunities. The program offers:

- **Individual Plan for Independence**— a plan for each youth that is soon to exit care developed by a team which includes YOU, a coordinator, case manager, care giver, and other key players
- **“Real life” experiences** designed to promote processes of maturation and skill development

## ***Goals and Expectations***

- Youth and young adults will be adequately prepared for self-sufficiency and the transition to adult independence

Expected skills youth will develop are:

- financially self-supporting including obtaining housing, food, and clothing
- social skills, participate in social activities
- ethical/moral values
- problem solving skills
- develop a supportive network of friends and family

## ***ILP Services***

Mentors

Youth Conferences and Workshops

Tours (colleges, technical schools)

Life Skills Training

- Social Skills
- Consumerism
- Employability
- Special Needs
- Student Issues

## ***After Care***

Supportive services are provided to young adults who have transitioned into independence with assistance from Service Providers including:

- Financial support
- Life Skills instruction
- Educational support
- Employment and community linkages
- Housing

Young Adults exiting transitional living placement will have knowledge, skills, and abilities to access the following resources:

- Transportation
- Employment
- School
- Housing
- Ongoing support services
- Counseling to maintain self-support and self-sufficiency

## ***Eligibility***

- Youth in the custody of the Division of Family Services (DFS) ages 16 and older
- youth who are no longer in foster care because they have reached age 18, but have not reached age 21

### ***Service Providers***

#### **NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

##### West End Neighborhood House

710 North Lincoln Street

Wilmington, DE 19805

658-4171

##### Progressive Life

262 Chapman Road

Newark, DE 19702

738-7850

##### People's Place

240 N. James Street

Newport, DE 19804

422-8033

#### **KENT COUNTY**

##### Elizabeth W. Murphy School, Inc.

42 Kings Hwy, Dover, DE 19901

734-7348

##### Dunamis Dominion

1328 Rising Sun Road

Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934

470-0468

#### **SUSSEX COUNTY**

##### People's Place

1120 Airport Road

Milford, DE 19963

422-8033

##### Dunamis Dominion

5014 Daniel Street

Laurel, DE 19956

470-0468